

CHARITY IN PETERSBURG

Suffering Kept From Door of Poor by Work of City and Charitable Organizations.

FOR BETTER FIRE PROTECTION

A Runaway Team Creates Excitement on Sycamore Street, Fall of Snow in Petersburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 19.—Despite the exceedingly severe weather of this winter, there has been very little suffering in Petersburg among the poor people. The city makes provision for their care, and their efforts are supplemented by liberal individuals and firms. Various charitable societies look after their class of charges, and with system they have succeeded in making comfortable, at least to a degree, many persons who would have suffered during the long continued cold weather. If there are any homes in this city where food or fuel is needed, they are not known to the city or any of its charitable organizations.

PENSION COMMISSIONERS.
Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Corporation Court, has reappointed Dr. William E. Harwood, W. T. Parham and J. E. Whitehouse pension commissioners for Petersburg, and the committee will meet at the clerk's office Monday to look over the list of pensioners furnished by the State Auditor.

At a meeting held yesterday evening at the office of the J. B. Worth Company by representatives of business houses located east of Sycamore Street, the subject of better fire protection was discussed, and a committee appointed to have the matter brought to the proper authorities for action. Those composing the committee are Messrs. J. B. Worth, R. S. Gill, F. G. Stratton, Charles Lunsford, B. D. Booth, Dunlop Routh.

A countryman in team drawing a loaded wagon caused much excitement on South Sycamore Street this morning. The horses became frightened and darted along the street at breakneck speed, terrifying pedestrians and securing unobstructed passage from other teams. At the Atlantic Coast Line crossing at Washington Street, the runaways encountered the protruding arms of the railway gates, and these were broken off in the mix-up. The team was stopped before further damage was done.

The condition of Mr. John S. Pollard, a well known gentleman connected with the American Tobacco Company, who recently suffered a severe stroke of paralysis, is to-night reported as much improved. When stricken Mr. Pollard was superintending affairs in a tobacco warehouse.

Following a day of rain and sleet, snow began falling in Petersburg at 6 o'clock this evening.

BUCKINGHAM.

Agnew Faction in Full Charge of the Convention.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DILLWYN, VA., Feb. 19.—At the county Republican convention held at Buckingham Courthouse Monday Colonel James Lyons was elected chairman and John Eldridge, Jr., secretary.

Resolutions of sympathy for Senator M. A. Hanna were unanimously adopted; also resolutions endorsing the administration of President Roosevelt and the present State organization. Colonel S. Brown Allen, M. A. Anderson, James Lyons, R. H. Spencer, John Eldridge, Emmet D. Gregory.

The following delegates were elected to the congressional convention at Buena Vista, March 1st, and the State convention at Norfolk, March 3d, and were instructed to vote as a unit.
Delegates—R. M. Anderson, James Lyons, R. H. Spencer, John Eldridge, Emmet D. Gregory.
Alternates—J. H. Lewis, J. H. Noble, L. E. Lesueur, R. T. Hubbard, W. E. McCraw.

Mr. H. Spencer was elected county chairman by acclamation and Emmet D. Gregory secretary. W. E. McCraw was elected member of the Congressional Committee.

The chairman appointed the following Executive Committee:

Marshall District, L. B. Lesueur; Francisco District, J. Lee Coleman; Mayaville District, James Lyons; Curdsville District, R. S. Smith; James River District, John E. Eldridge, Jr.; State River District, J. M. Oslin.

NEW BRUNSWICK COURT.

Without Executive Clemency Parker Robinson Will Hang.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., Feb. 19.—The first term of Brunswick Court under the new Constitution convened Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Judge J. W. West presided. Owing to the bad weather, the attendance was very small. In the case against Parker Robinson, Jr., colored, convicted of murder at the November term, a new trial was refused, and, upon motion, executive clemency was granted. He will be hanged on the 14th day of March.

The postoffice will observe Sunday hours, and the two banks will be closed Monday—Washington's birthday.

FOR REORGANIZATION OR PARTY REVOLUTION

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TAEZELL, VA., Feb. 19.—The Republicans of Tazewell county held a mass meeting here this week and elected delegates to the State and District conventions. Strong resolutions were passed calling for party reorganization and instructing the delegates to vote as a unit against the present State organization. The Republicans of Tazewell are for party reorganization or party revolution as an alternative.

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NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the National Biscuit Company was held in Jersey City, Thursday, February 11, 1904, at 2 P. M.

Mr. A. W. Green, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Presented to the Stockholders the Following Annual Report:

To the Stockholders of the NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY.
The following is the balance sheet of the company at close of business, Jan. 31, 1904:

ASSETS.	
Plants, Real Estate, Patents, etc.	\$52,498,725.19
Less Depreciation	200,000.00
Account	\$52,298,725.19
Cash	\$1,808,147.29
Stocks & Securities	631,061.63
Accounts Receivable	2,835,713.53
Raw Material, Supplies & Finished Product	4,643,500.24
	\$9,288,222.75
	\$62,106,947.98

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock Preferred	\$2,894,500.00
Capital Stock Common	29,236,000.00
	\$4,000,000.00
Bonds Payable & Mortgages Payable	\$1,814,000.00
Accounts Payable	267,000.00
Less Amount Paid	1,447,000.00
	\$367,000.00
Accounts Payable, Including Accrued Interest	612,235.39
Balance, January 31, 1903	\$5,294,811.68
Earnings, 12 mos. to Jan. 31, 1904, Inc.	3,260,515.62
	\$9,004,327.39
Less Dividends Paid 12 mos. to Jan. 31, 1904, Inc.	2,237,005.00
	\$6,767,322.39
Salaries 12 mos. to Jan. 31, 1904, Inc.	\$40,632,114.50
Profits 12 mos. to Jan. 31, 1904, Inc.	3,708,615.62
Per cent. of profit to Sales	9.15

The sales and profits of the Company, year by year, since its organization, have been as follows:

SALES.		PROFITS.	
1898	\$2,029,143.10	1898	\$2,029,143.10
1899	\$2,571,898.84	1899	\$2,571,898.84
1900	\$3,439,160.00	1900	\$3,439,160.00
1901	\$3,625,134.73	1901	\$3,625,134.73
1902	\$4,212,050.00	1902	\$4,212,050.00
1903	\$4,532,114.59	1903	\$4,532,114.59

The Company has now completed the sixth year of its existence. It has paid regular quarterly dividends on its preferred stock at the rate of seven per cent. per annum since the beginning. The first dividend of one per cent. on the common stock was declared August 15th, 1901, payable October 15th, 1901, and since that time dividends have been paid on the common stock regularly every quarter at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

The total number of stockholders of the Company immediately after its organization was about thirteen hundred. The total number now is seven thousand, five hundred and eight. Of this number, fifteen hundred and fifty-four are employees of the Company. Under the plan enabling employees to buy our preferred stock, paying for it in installments, they have purchased five thousand, two hundred and ninety-eight shares. This, of course, is exclusive of the large amount of stock, both common and preferred, held by our directors, officers and principal managers.

The balance sheet of the Company, heretofore presented, shows its present financial condition. It has ample cash resources for the conduct of its business, and its officers have no financial anxieties.

The profits of the Company, as well as the sales, have shown each year an increase over the preceding year, the year just closed being no exception to the rule. The financial statement does not tell the whole story of the year just closed. A great work has been accomplished in the improvement of our organization. It has not yet reached its highest efficiency, but we have passed the experimental stage, and are now making it a permanent one. We know that the policy we are pursuing is the right one, and each year the business of the Company becomes more established and more secure.

The quality of our goods is maintained at a high standard. The sales of our advertised package goods are constantly increasing, and we are always enlarging the scope of our advertising, with the effect that the value of our goods will, which has become our main asset, be continually increasing.

In our last report we stated that we were building two large factories, one in New York and one in Chicago, especially for the manufacture of Uneda Biscuit.

The total cost of these three new buildings, with the equipment, when completed and in operation, will be about \$1,500,000, upon which there has already been paid the sum of \$1,111,078.

What the expenditure of this large sum of money brings to the owners of this Company added responsibility, because the expenditures must be justified in the future balance sheets of the Company. We are confident that this result will be attained.

GREEN.

The Directors met previous to the stockholders' meeting and declared the regular quarterly dividend on the preferred stock of 1 3/4 per cent., payable February 28th, 1904; transfer books to be closed February 17th to February 19th, both inclusive, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent. on the common stock, payable April 15th, 1904. Transfer books to be closed from March 29th to April 15th, both inclusive.

THE PROSECUTRIX BECAME THE BRIDE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LURAY, Va., Feb. 19.—The Luray court-house, before Judge, witnesses, spectators and jury, Robert Beahm, who on yesterday was sentenced in the same court-room to two years' confinement in the penitentiary, was married at 4 o'clock this evening to Miss Jennie Elder, daughter of the late John Elder, of Water Street, officiating. The bride of today was the prosecutrix yesterday in the case of the Commonwealth against the groom.

Judge Harrison, who presided in the case, and who on yesterday sentenced Beahm to the penitentiary to-day rescinded his action and set aside his verdict, whereupon the Commonwealth's Attorney, after learning that Beahm and Miss Jenkins desired to be married, entered a nolle prosequi, and the marriage followed.

Lawrence—Aaron.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
VASHIT, VA., Feb. 19.—Mr. Walter A. Lawrence and Miss Lillian Brown were married Tuesday at the home of the bride, near Callands, Rev. George Hundley officiating.

NO SIGNS OF THE ADMIRAL

Mayflower Will Come Out of Dry-Dock Ready for Dewey if He Comes.

TO CONVOY A COLLIER

Lebanon to Carry Coal to Guantanamo and the Sterling Will Carry Coal and Ammunition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., February 19.—Admiral Dewey did not arrive at the navy yard this morning as it was reported he might do. The commandant's office has never been advised of the coming of the Admiral, and it is scarcely thought that he would arrive here without advising Admiral G. Harrington, commandant of the naval station.

The gunboat Mayflower is still here. She is used by the Admiral as his flagship now-a-days when he goes to sea, which is about once a year, and then to inspect the combined fleets of the United States and the British in the Southern waters. The beautiful and heavily armed yacht is speedy and comfortable, and if the Admiral arrives before her departure for Guantanamo to-morrow he will hoist his flag aboard her at this yard.

IN DRY DOCK.
The Mayflower is still in the dry dock, and will not come out until to-morrow. She will sail at the same time as the collier Lebanon, which is to carry coal to the new naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

It is extremely probable that Admiral Dewey will transfer his flag to the Olympia, his famous flagship at Manila Bay, which this year is the flagship of the Caribbean Sea fleet.

COAL AND AMMUNITION.

The naval collier Sterling, Captain MacDonald, has completed taking on a cargo of coal at Lambert's pilot pier, and to-day she came up the river to the navy yard to receive ammunition for the North Atlantic fleet, to be used in the target practice incidental to the winter evolutions in the Caribbean Sea. She will also take extra boats to the vessels of the fleet.

IMPORTANT ARREST.

Negro Captured at Farmville Had Many Stolen Goods.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., Feb. 19.—The police of Farmville believe that they have in the prisoner who is under arrest for entering the night time the dwelling house of Captain Samuel W. Watkins a daring and dangerous professional burglar. He gives his name as William Evans, but it is now known that he travels under a number of aliases, being sometimes called Sam Miller and sometimes Sam Booker. Just before his arrest he had on his person a fine Iver Johnson 38-caliber revolver, which he sold to a merchant in Farmville.

His home in the lower end of this county was visited last night by the police and in it was found the suit of clothes stolen from the house of Captain Watkins, also the gold breast pin which belonged to Mrs. Watkins. When arrested, he wore the shoes which were missing from the Watkins home. In the negro's house, which was searched by Farmville's chief of police, were several fine suits of clothes and a trunk containing a variety of other goods. He is said to have shipped his mother from Newark, N. J., several months ago.

In his home was also found a very fine double barreled hammerless shotgun.

NORFOLK NOTES.

Mrs. Francis Joseph Dies Under Distressing Circumstances.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Francis Joseph, formerly of Norfolk, who has been connected with the bank for a number of years.

Mrs. Francis Joseph, formerly of Norfolk, a refined lady of forty years, died here to-day under distressing conditions. She had been suffering from a long illness. Her last illness, a little son, six years of age, is understood to be with friends in Roanoke.

Bessie Herman, of Richmond, a wayward girl, found here by Superintendent Ashley, of the Union Mission, was sent to her home this morning.

Mrs. J. W. Haynes, No. 812 Jessamine Street, Richmond, has written the chief of police a pathetic letter, asking him to find and restore to her her eighteen-year-old daughter, Carrie, who left home in December. The girl has not yet been found.

ENLARGE WATER WORKS.

Fredericksburg Council Declines to Create Office Police Justice.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 19.—The City Council last night directed its Committee on Water and Finance to bring in estimates at a called meeting for enlarging and improving the city water works by the building of a new pump house, laying new pipes, additional reservoir facilities and a new pump. These improvements will cost about \$16,000 and it is expected that the work will begin in a short time. Mr. W. L. Brannan was elected a member of the City School Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late D. C. Cole. The Council declined to create the office of a police justice.

Congressman John F. Rixey has sent to the clerk of Stafford county six live shade trees as a donation from him to the county. The trees are to be planted on the courthouse grounds.

AMHERST REPUBLICANS.

Endorse Roosevelt's and Agnew's Management of Party Affairs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
AMHERST, VA., Feb. 19.—A mass meeting of the Republicans of this county was held here to-day, composed of

about a half dozen white men and eight or ten negroes.

Resolutions were adopted lamenting the death of Senator Hanna and endorsing the administration of President Roosevelt, and also endorsing the party management of Mark Agnew, chairman of the State Committee.

The delegates elected to the State Convention were instructed to vote for S. Brown Allen for one of the delegates at large to the national convention. The Allen action had complete control of the mass-meeting. The following delegates to the Congressional Convention, to be held in Buena Vista on March 1st, and also to the State Convention, to be held at Norfolk March 3d, were elected:

S. C. Allen, Alex. Miller, O. G. Bailey, A. Stewart, J. J. Williams.

The delegates were not instructed for any candidates for Congress, but resolutions authorizing R. A. Fulwiler, from Augusta county, to cast the vote of the county at either the State or Congressional Convention in case none of the delegates elected to-day should be present, were passed.

FELL WITH A DERRICK.

Judge Barksdale Holds the First Term in Mecklenburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, VA., Feb. 19.—An employee of the Southern, named Moore, working on the bridge force between this place and Jefferson Junction, was injured Tuesday afternoon while at work. Moore was mounted on the top of a derrick, fixing to drive piles, the derrick being on a flat car, when the machine fell off the car, carrying Mr. Moore head-long down with it, a distance of some twenty-five or thirty feet, to the ground. He was caught under a portion of the machinery and his arm and collar-bone were broken, and he was otherwise bruised. He was brought to this place for medical treatment.

Judge W. R. Barksdale, of this judicial circuit, is now holding the first term of his court. He will try no jury cases and is engaged in chancery cases only.

UNDER ARREST ON A SERIOUS CHARGE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 19.—L. L. Casleberry, twenty-five years old, was arrested to-day by Police Detective Dwyer on the charge of attempted criminal assault. The prosecutrix is a young lady from Portsmouth, but the police declared this afternoon that the publication of her name would defeat the ends of justice. The offense is alleged to have occurred in Norfolk Wednesday night. The allegation is that the young woman in the case was brought to Norfolk ostensibly to make a visit, and that the offense charged occurred at a house to which she was carried.

Rudy—Orr.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ETTRICK, VA., Feb. 19.—One of the prettiest marriages ever held in Chesterfield county was solemnized at Old Wood's Church, in that county, on Wednesday evening, February 17th, the contracting parties being Mr. John Rudy, a very popular young farmer and trucker, and Miss China Orr, one of the most popular and beloved young ladies of the county. The church was filled with a large and fashionable audience. The bride party entered the church to the music of Lohengrin's wedding march by Miss Daisy Samuel. The bride and groom, while standing under an arch wrapped with cedar, holly and mistletoe, were pronounced man and wife by Rev. Russell Appleman. Taken all in all, it was one of the prettiest marriages that ever took place in the county, the little flower girls, Lottie and Beulah Dance, attracting special attention.

In Interest of Jamestown.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
JAMESTOWN, VA., Feb. 19.—S. Gordon Cumming, general counsel for the Jamestown Exposition Company, will proceed immediately to Frankfort, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of awakening interest in those capitals in the Jamestown Exposition.

The Board of directors has decided that some action of this kind should be taken at once in order that aid and the exhibits from Kentucky and Ohio may be assured before the Legislatures of those States adjourn, as they will in March.

Mr. Donohoe Cashier.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FAIRFAX, VA., Feb. 19.—The Board of Directors of the Farmers National Bank met this evening and elected S. R. Donohoe cashier in the place of Mr. Frank R. Ford, deceased. Mr. Donohoe is one of the most popular and influential men in the county. Mr. Walton Moore remains president. Lieutenant-Governor Willard, one of the directors, was present at the meeting.

Over the Line.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 19.—Miss Carrie Boaz, the pretty nineteen-year-old daughter of a prominent Bachelor Hall farmer, and Mr. Walter Gammon were married yesterday at Pelham, N. C.

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